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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is responsive to the Office Action issued on July 23, 2007. A shortened statutory period for reply to this Office Action is set to expire on October 23, 2007. This response is filed within the shortened statutory period. No extension of time is believed to be required.

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 is concurrently submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.